

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. The abstract has been amended as well as Figure 2 of the drawings. It is respectfully submitted that the changes are obvious formal or typographical in nature. No new matter is entered.

A letter submitting replacement drawing sheet(s) together with replacement drawings are being filed concurrently herewith.

In view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place the present application in condition for allowance, he or she is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.


Respectfully submitted,

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